

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 were presented for examination and are pending in this application. In a Final Office Action dated May 19, 2009 claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-12, and 14-16 were rejected. Claims 4, 7-9, 13 and 17-18 were objected as depending on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 19-21 were allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration and addresses the Examiner's comments concerning the claims pending in this application below.

Applicant herein amends claims 1 and 10 and submits the case is condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice with their limitations incorporated into claims 1 and 10 respectively. No new claims are added. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to expedite the prosecution and issuance of the application. In making this Amendment, the Applicant has not and is not narrowing the scope of the protection to which the Applicant considers the claimed invention to be entitled and does not concede, directly or by implication, that the subject matter of such claims was in fact disclosed or taught by the cited prior art. Rather, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and withdraw them.

Allowable Subject Matter / Claim Objection


Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 19-21 are allowed and the indication that claims 4, 7-9, 13 and 17-18 contain allowable subject

matter. More specifically, claims 4, 7-9, 13 and 17-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this Amendment claim 1 and 10 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 13 respectively. With these amendments the Applicant submits the case is condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Please charge deposit account 50-1123 for the Request for Continued Examination fee of \$810 which is believed due for this submittal. Any additional fees associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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